To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament Aſſembled.

The humble Petition of *Elizabeth Wandesford*, formerly Widdow and Relict of *Garret Foulks*, Eſq; in behalf of her ſelf and Children.

Humbly ſheweth,

THAT Your unfortunate Petitioner having loſt her Husband and five Brothers in His Majeſties ſervice in *Ireland*, had therefore all her worldly Subſtance ſeized and Taken from her, in which deplorable Condition your Petitioners Aged Mother, who lay ready to ſink under the Oppreſſion of too Juſt a Grief for the Loſs of all her Sons, was with her Children fired out of your Petitioners Houſe, and after Expoſed to all the Miſery Imaginable : From which diſtreſſed Condition ſhe and thoſe Orphans attempted to make their Eſcapes to *Cork*, or where ever elſe their pitty leſs Fortune ſhould lead them; but the Enemy ſoon purſued their unhappy Wondering Lives, and with an inflexible Cruelty barbarouſly Murthered one of your Petitioners Brothers; But to him was more Mercifully Cruel then to the reſt: For your Petitioners Aged Mother, Siſter and Children, they Stript even of their very Shifts, with the Terrour and Cold of which her Siſter and Child died in the Field, and by the hardſhip they endured ſhortened the lives of ſeveral of your Petitioners own Children alſo, and the Miſerable ſurvivors of them lay a Conſiderable time in a very week Condition, in the Ruines of ſome old Walls in a Waſt and deſolate part of the Country, where the ſenſe of their Miſeries was Cruſh'd by the ſaid wait of peoples own Misfortunes, till General *Ginkell*, under whoſe Command your Petitioners friends were Loſt, joyn'd with the Government of that Kingdom in repreſenting the hardſhips of their Caſe to their Majeſties, who in Compaſſion to their Misfortunes was Graciouſly pleaſed to Grant Your Petitioner for the ſupport of her ſelf and Children, a Pention of Two hundred pounds *per Ann.* to be Continued to her and them, as appears by the Expreſs words of the Patent, as well as the annext Certificate of my Lord *Rumney's*, till their Majeſties could make ſome better proviſion for them, or Give ſomething more Conſiderable and better in lieu of it, in Conſideration of their great Sufferings, in Order to which His Majeſty was Graciouſly pleaſed about three Years ſince, to accept of a Surrender of the ſaid Pention, and did in lieu of it, and in Order to a farther Grant, Give you Petitioner a Cuſtodiam for three Years of Lands of the ſame Yearly Vallue; but your Petitioner, whoſe unhappy fate too much reſembles that of her unfortunate Families, had moſt of thoſe little broken pieces of Land taken from her by other Peoples Agents, which ſhe with great Charge, and Dificulty found out; and being then deprived both of Land and Pention together, His Majeſty therefore laſt Spring was Graciouſly pleaſed, upon the Government of *Irelands* report, and repreſentation of the hardſhip of your Petitioners Caſe, who prayed His Majeſty to accept of a Surrender of the ſaid Cuſtodiam, and to Grant her in lieu of it, and of the Pention ſhe had Surrendred, a Leaſe of Ninty nine Years of the above mentioned Two hundred pounds *per Ann.* out of the Forfeited Eſtates; upon which His Majeſty, according to His firſt Intentions, was pleaſed to Grant Your Petitioners Requeſt, by giving his Letter, which directed them to find Your Petitioner as many of the Forfeited Lands as ſhould amount to the Clear Yearly Vallue of Two hundred pounds *per Ann.* which the Goverment there has accordingly done; But Your Petitioner being unfortunate in all things, is afraid ſhe ſhall ſtill meet with the ſame Fate, and be Excluded from the Favour and Compaſſionate Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe; which ſevear Decree would ſoon Compleat the Ruin of Your Petitioner and Children, whoſe ſufferings already have been, God knows, too Cruel to be pattern'd among the Worſt of their Country: Therefore Your Petitioner humbly hopes, that Your Honours will not look upon her Caſe as a Common one, having beſides the firſt Dear Purchaſe, given a Valluable Conſideration for this ſmall Eſtate, beſides the Expence and Attendance of ſeven or eight Voiages, too and from that Kingdom, in Obtaining, Fixing and Exchanging thoſe Grants, which has not only Eaten up the benefit of His Majeſties Intended Bounty, but Coſt Your Petitioner from firſt to Laſt, twice more then the Inheritance of ſo ſmall a Grant can poſſibly be worth; all which, together with three Years Loſs of the Income of her Pention, Your Petitioner humbly Submits to Your Honours Conſideration.

And humbly prays, Your Honours will in Conſideration of her great Sufferings, and of the Pention which ſhe has Surrendred, propoſe ſome way to Eſtabliſh her and her Children, who otherwiſe muſt Inevitably periſh, in their Grant of Two hundred pounds per Ann. *together with what in Your Wiſdoms Your Honours ſhall think proper towards the vaſt Charge Your Petioner has been at, and the Loſs of ſo many Years Income of her Pention, all which appears by the Lords Juſtices Report ready to be produced; and Your Petitioner who has ſmarted under a Succeſſion of Trouble and Affliction of the heavieſt kind, humbly hopes Your Honours will not aſſign her Miſeries a Longer date, nor think her requeſt touching thoſe Lands unreaſonable, ſince her neareſt and deareſt Relations have Contributed to the recovery of them, with the Loſs of their Lives and Fourtunes and utter ruin of their Families, and that it was Her Majeſties perticular deſire of ever Bleſſed Memory, as well as Her declared intentions to the Lord Leiutenant of* Ireland, *that a better Proviſion and more ſuitable to her Sufferings ſhould be made in a more Convenient time for Your Petitioner and Children as appears by his Lordſhips annext Certificate. Your Petitioner therefore humbly begs this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed in ſome kind or other to fulfil Her Majeſties deſires and Gracious Intentions, and not ſuffer Your Petitioners hopes after ſuch a Scene of Miſery, to be at Laſt buried in the ſame Grave with her Royal and bountious benefactor.*

And She and her Children ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

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